

BA 1712
Schnering House
Hillside Road
Stevenson, Md.
private

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

SCHNERING HOUSE

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1724 Hillside Road

CITY, TOWN

Stevenson

STATE

Maryland

— VICINITY OF

Second

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Baltimore

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

—YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE

—MUSEUM

—COMMERCIAL

—PARK

—EDUCATIONAL

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—ENTERTAINMENT

—RELIGIOUS

—GOVERNMENT

—SCIENTIFIC

—INDUSTRIAL

—TRANSPORTATION

—MILITARY

—OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Philip Schnering

Telephone #: 484-1859

STREET & NUMBER

Hillside Road

CITY, TOWN

Stevenson

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21153

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courts Bldg.

Liber #: 3486

Folio #: 10

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

BA-1712

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Dating from the very end of the nineteenth century or very early in the twentieth, the SCHNERING HOUSE is a frame one and one-half storey house with a gambrel roof, its lower slopes very steep, its upper slopes rather shallow. Basically five bays in length, porches at either end beneath a continuous roof, each more than a bay in width, make this house seem exceeding long. Its principal facade is to the south; sloping grade allows the basement to open to the north at grade. Exterior walls are covered with painted wood shingles; the roof, formerly with wood shingles, is now covered with asphalt shingles. Dormer windows with 16/16 sash are recessed into the lower slope of the roof, their heads at the surface of the roof, their sills deeply recessed. Five such windows are above the five principal bays of the house and one is above each end porch; a smaller recessed dormer is on either side of the middle dormer. All dormers have louvred blinds. The principal entrance is centered in the south front and it is flanked by 12/12 sidelights. Typical windows of the first storey have 30/30 sash. Two second storey windows in each end gable have 24/24 sash. Opposite the principal entrance, in the north wall, is a 55/55 window while an adjacent window at mid-wall height, expressing the stair landing within, has 81/81 sash. All lights are quite small.

A wide central hall has a fireplace on its east wall and the principal stair is at the north end. Wide doorways open east and west to the principal rooms, two on either side. Interior detailing recalls the late eighteenth century Adamesque style.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The SCHNERING HOUSE is a picturesque example of the American Colonial-revival; its roof recalls a typical eighteenth century form and its interior detailing recalls that of the late eighteenth century. The exaggerated length of the house, the incredible number of window panes and the recessed dormers reflect the picturesque movements of the late nineteenth century when the several medieval revival styles were blended into the American Colonial-revival style.

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This house was built in 1884 by Thomas Janney, who came to Maryland from North Carolina. Originally this was part of Stoneton Estate owned by Alexander Stump. The Janney's built this as a "live-in house" during the construction of the larger place, "Margaret Meadows". Thomas Janney, Jr., inherited the property, but after his death in 1921, complex litigation ensued. For a period of nearly 30 years the house remained empty. This added to the "haunted house" image which grew around the house.

Finally in January, 1955, C. Preston Scheffnacker became the owner, but in 6 months he sold the property to Osbourn P. Beall. Fred and Mae Klaunberg restored the house when they purchased it in 1957. The next and present owners are Philip and Ruth Schnering.

Footnote

Conversation with Philip Schnering, February 10, 1980.

DEED SEARCH - Baltimore County Land Records, County Courts Bldg.,
Towson, Md.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Liber</u>	<u>Folio</u>	<u>Grantor</u>	<u>Grantee</u>
1884	169	134	National Bank to Thomas Janney - inherited by son, Thomas Janney, Jr. His death in 1921 followed 30 years of complex litigation.	
1955	2635	470	Fidelity of Baltimore, Trustee	C. Preston Scheffnacker
1955	2728	199	C. P. Scheffnacker	Osbourn P. Beall
1957	2165	406	Osbourn P. Beall	Fred Klaunberg
1959	3486	10	Fred Klaunberg	Philip Schnering

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Baltimore County Land Records, County Courts Bldg., Towson, Md.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Valleys Planning Council

DATE

April 12, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

212 Washington Avenue

TELEPHONE

828-7807

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

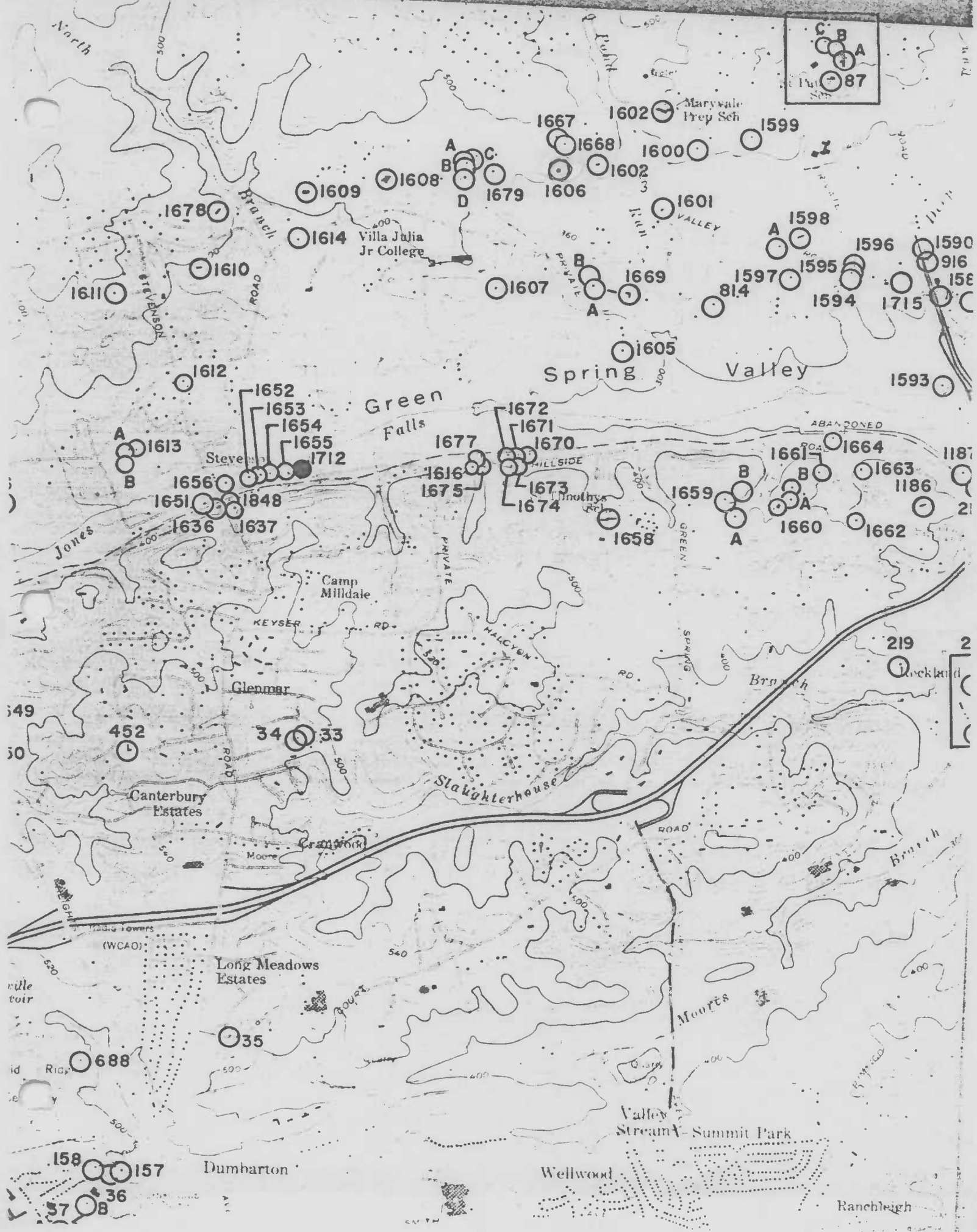
STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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